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AS WORLD EVENTS UNFOLD

By DAN TOMPKINS

THE NAVY has won the greatest victory of the war over the Japanese in the Solomons Islands area. It was, perhaps, the greatest battle in which our navy ever engaged. The Japanese were unable to bring reinforcements and supplies to their forces on Guadalcanal Island when the Navy struck. Many Japanese ships were sunk and others injured. The army land based planes took up the fight, and with some 40,000 Japanese sent to the bottom of the sea, the Japanese fleet retired to lick its wounds. Thus, was round two of the Battle of the Solomons won by America. The significance of the victory, aside from showing the mettle of America and our growing sea and air power, is the loss of ships to the Japanese. Forty thousand little yellow men sent to be with their mothers, mean nothing to the shipbuilders and would be empty hulls in Tokyo. But, the Japanese Army, except in Monrovia, is utterly dependent upon ships. The staggering and growing losses in merchant and war ships constitutes a loss that the Japanese will find hard to replace or compensate for, while America, China, Australia, the British and the British see their war-making power growing, and the day of retribution coming on Japan.

THE SECOND FRONT, came with such dramatic suddenness that it sent a thrill through the world. After months of careful preparation in assembling and equipping the most powerful armada that the world has ever known, the Americans under General Eisenhower, landed at various places on the coast of Africa and soon had the whole of French North Africa in their control and are now facing the Germans in Tunisia, the French protectorate. Of course, there was much collaboration on the part of Frenchmen in Africa. If this were not true, the task would have been much more difficult. Thousands of Frenchmen had the coming of Americans to lift the yoke of German-Italian rule.

FREE FRENCH armies are on the march from Lake Chad toward Tunisia to mingle the Tricolor with the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack in the fight to free Africa of the Nazis and prepare the way for attacks upon the continent of Europe, to knock Italy out of the war, to free the enslaved nations, and to crush Germany.

WITCHY has at last been fore-

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Webster P. T. A. Holds Discussion On Timely Topic

The Webster P. T. A. met in the Webster High School Library, with Mrs. Fred McKee presiding, on Tuesday, November 17.

A very instructive and beneficial discussion on the topic, "Tomorrow's Community Leader" was led by Mrs. D. D. Davis. The effects of home, social life, spare time and P. T. A. upon the child were discussed by Mrs. Pearl Madison, Mrs. Kate Rhinehart, Miss Sara Belle Hooper, and Mrs. Ernest Lewis. Then Mrs. O. V. Cagle presented the rights, duties, and privileges of the child regarding the mentioned and other phases of life.

Miss Hooper said, "We must not forget that the child is living and we are not preparing him for life, but helping him to live now, day by day". Then, quoting Mrs. Rhinehart, "Good scholars do not necessarily make good citizens, nor good citizens, good scholars. A community is an organization of citizens and scholars."

The president, Mrs. Fred McKee, appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Lewis Cannon, Mrs. Kate Rhinehart, and Mrs. Pearl Madison to write a resolution of respect to Mrs. John H. Morris, former P. T. A. president.

42 Men Left For U. S. Army First Of Week

Forty two young men from this county left Sylva the first of the week to report for duty and assignment in the United States Army. They had previously gone to camp for examination and induction.

Claude L. Pangle, Jesse Moore, William W. Moody, Ed. H. Ammons, Robert E. Payne, John J. Hall, Wheeler J. Nation, Ernest L. Wilson, Jr., Cline C. Stewart, John R. Parris, Carl L. Callahan, William W. Fowler, Charles W. Breedlove, Roy O. Ashe, Levi Gibson, Charlie T. Ray, Everard C. Lusk, Clyde K. Cabe, Von L. Blanton, Dallas H. Elders, Lenden P. Hoyle, Hugh B. England, T. A. Pressley, Wymer Moss, Joseph C. Snipes, Leonard N. Bryson, Adron T. Bryson, Taylor J. Deitz, Thomas G. Stewart, Claude Barnett, and Conrad L. Hooper, left by special bus at two o'clock on Tuesday.

William M. Adams, Alonzo McCall, Ralph J. Garrett, Blaine Queen, Leroy Mathis, Leslie McDonald, Alfred D. Wood, Emroy L. Messer, and Howard C. Franks, left on Wednesday; and Mack C. Brown, on Thursday.

The reason that the men were divided into three groups was that they had been ordered to report to different camps on different dates.

Two Well Known Sylva Citizens Join United States Navy

Two well known citizens of Sylva were enlisted in the Navy on Tuesday while Chief William S. Baskerville of the Asheville recruiting office was in town. P. A. Donahoe enlisted as a Photographer second class, and Felix Potts of Hooper's Drug Store, as a Pharmacist Mate third class. They will leave soon for the Navy office in Asheville where they will be sent to Raleigh to be sworn in the Navy and forwarded to join the fleet.

Chief Baskerville spent two days in Sylva at the Post Office, recruiting and answering questions for the Navy. A large group of boys and men from Jackson county have been accepted for the Navy; and many were given consent papers for their parents to witness stating that they will report to the Asheville office at a date in the near future. "I was glad to see the large number of teen age boys rushing to the Navy. The largest per cent of enlistments are 17, 18 and 19 year old boys who want to join the thousands of Western Carolina boys now in the growing Navy fleet," Chief Baskerville said.

The Chief stated that the Navy offers wonderful opportunities to enlisted men. They are now promoted to seaman second class after their "Boot" training, which raises their pay to \$54 per month. The Navy affords 50 trade schools, where a boy can prepare himself for a future job in civilian life after the war. Travel, rapid promotion, clean life, \$135 worth of clothing, free dental and medical care, and serving with a group of volunteers who are in the Blue and White uniforms because they chose to be there, are some of the advantages of the Navy, Chief Baskerville said.

While in Sylva, Chief Baskerville called on Commander Edward Bryson of the American Legion, and plans are under way for the local post to help get enlistments for the Navy in Jackson county. This will be announced in this paper real soon.

While here Chief Baskerville left consent papers for minors who wish to enlist before the Navy officer returns, with Postmaster Charles Price.

LESPEDEZA

Production records indicate fair to good yields of lespedeza seed on Forsyth County farms this year, reports R. W. Poul, farm agent.

STATE'S 4-H DAIRY TEAM TO CHICAGO



ANNOUNCEMENT is made by State Club Leader L. R. Harrill that North Carolina will be represented in the sixth nationwide dairy production demonstration contest at the 21st National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, Nov. 29-Dec. 2, by Bill Clapp, 17, of Blounton, and Paisley Scott, 15, of Law River in Alamance

county. The boys demonstrate the proper type of dairy animals for successful production. Transportation and other expenses to Chicago are provided the team through the Kraft Cheese Company, which also appropriates \$2,800 in college scholarships for the eight first and second place teams selected in the finals.

QUALLA

(By Mrs. J. K. Terrell)

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton and Mr. Harry Shelton have returned from a visit with relatives in Pickens, S. C. While there they were guests at a birthday dinner, given in honor of Mrs. J. E. Green. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard Howell, on November 14, a son, Gene.

Mrs. J. A. Bumgarner of Wilmore spent the week end at Mr. Ray Snyder's.

Messrs Earl Battle and Edgar Worley visited home folks, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davis of Beta spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Rome Cooper.

Mr. Rogers Shelton has been transferred to an Aerography school in Lakehurst, New Jersey.

Mrs. D. M. Shuler called on Mrs. Dock Snyder, Sunday.

Mr. J. E. Freeman visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reagan at Olive, Sunday.

Miss Wilma Hughes visited Mrs. R. J. Snyder at Sylva.

Mr. Horace Howell and family called at Mr. J. M. Hughes'.

Mrs. Martha Rhinehart is employed at Swannanoa.

Mr. George Monteith of Forsyth visited Mr. S. M. Crisp, Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Andrews and Mrs. J. C. Hoyle were guests at Mr. J. K. Terrell's, Sunday.

Mrs. M. Cathey Dies At Home In Asheville

Mrs. Mattie, relict of the late F. M. Cathey, died tonight at her home in Asheville, after a lingering illness. Funeral services will be conducted in Sylva, and interment will be in the Parris Cemetery.

Mrs. Cathey was a native of Anderson county, South Carolina. She married Francis M. Cathey, and lived in Dillsboro and Sylva until after the death of her husband.

Mrs. Cathey is survived by three sons, W. A. Cathey, of Sylva, Charles Cathey, Sylva, and Harrison Cathey, of Chicago; four daughters, Miss Otelia Cathey, New Ports News, Mrs. M. Buchanan, Jr., Sylva, and Misses Irene and Inez Cathey, of Asheville; and by several grandchildren and other relatives.

BANKS

The following North Carolina counties have been accredited as free from Bangs disease: Bladen, Cabarrus, Clay, Durham, Forsyth, Macon, Rowan, and Wayne.

Pudging by requests for seed barley, Stanley county farmers will probably double their acreage of the crop next year, says V. A. Huneycutt, assistant agent.

Classes Are Working On War Vocations

(By J. F. Corbin)

Classes in various work needed in the war work are in progress in the school district and at Webster, under direction of the vocational agriculture teacher at Sylva High school.

Twenty boys are enrolled in the class in auto mechanics, where they do actual shop work five nights a week, with Mr. J. H. Patterson as teacher.

A course in beef production is being led at Webster each Wednesday evening, by Mr. Dennis Higdon; and a class in blacksmithing and farm machinery repair with Mr. Clarence Rogers as leader, meets each Tuesday and Thursday night at his blacksmith shop at Whittier.

The high school boys are completing the projects they began last year, and will soon make reports on expenditures on and incomes from the projects.

Vocational agriculture is composed of four phases of work—high school, adults on the farm, (evening classes) out of school boys, (part time) and seventh grade boys, when the other work is not too crowded.



Wesley W. Brown

Lions Cabinet Meets Sunday At Dillsboro

A cabinet meeting of Lions International will be held at the Jarrett Springs Hotel, Sunday, November 22, at one o'clock. This is the first time a cabinet meeting has been held in Sylva since the local Lions club has been organized. Wesley W. Brown, District Governor of District 31-A, will be present and act as master of ceremonies. Charles H. Beryman, secretary of the district, will also attend the meeting.

Others officers who will be present are, Chet G. Thomas, deputy District Governor of Gantonita, W. Amos Abrams, deputy District Governor, of Boone, Joe Ray, zone chairman, of Murphy, B. L. McGloughery, zone chairman, of Franklin, G. C. Ferguson, zone chairman, Waynesville, H. W. Sanders, of Black Mountain, and many presidents and secretaries from various clubs of the district. The district consists of thirty-one clubs from Charlotte, North Wilkesboro, and all west of those points.

Officers of the local club consider this a distinct honor to the club, an urge that every member of the club be present at the luncheon at one o'clock. Directors of the club are requested to meet thirty minutes prior to the luncheon.

HIGHER

Fruit growers in general, will receive higher prices for their crops in 1943 than they received this year, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

CHAIN

The 4-H Club pig chain is proving of tremendous benefit in the promotion of better hogs for Perquimans County, reports F. D. Allen, assistant farm agent.

Two Sylva Boys Were On Heroic San Francisco During Navy's Big Battle

Ralph Hunter Talks About Cattle For Beef

Ralph C. Hunter, of Caney Fork, professional cattle breeder and raiser, was the speaker at the beef cattle class at Webster, Wednesday night. A graduate of State college, and a professional breeder, Mr. Hunter has visited many of the best herds in the United States. He gave the class many valuable suggestions and ideas out of his experience and observation.

Next Wednesday, steps will be taken to form an organization by which herd sires will be purchased cooperatively.

Transportation will be arranged for interested persons to attend the cattle sale at Clyde on November 28. Interested growers in any part of the county are invited to attend.

Young People Of County Prominent In College Life

Cullowhee, Nov. 17—Alice Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Weaver, of Dillsboro, was one of the main soloists in the vocal recital presented by the Music Department of Western Carolina Teachers College. Miss Weaver's selection was Hageman's "Do Not Go My Love", accompanied by Miss Nancy Reidel, of Asheville.

Miss Weaver is a senior at Western Carolina Teachers College, and is a day student. She has been studying voice with Mrs. Gulley for six quarters, and has been very active in the music department since her enrollment at Western Carolina.

Bobby Hall, son Mrs. D. M. Hall, of Sylva, and a junior at Western Carolina Teachers College, played one of the three main leads in "Smilin' Through", major production of the Western Carolina Players, presented Tuesday night, in the Hoey Auditorium of the college. Hall, who made his initial appearance on the college theatre stage in "Smilin' Through", was easily one of the best characters in the play. His sympathetic understanding of the role and a sincere interpretation of the character of Kenneth Wayne, a shell-shock victim of World War I, was one of the high lights of the entire production.

Mr. Hall, president of his junior class, is a member of the Naval Reserve at the college, and is a member of the "in-1 fiji" candidate for the A. B. Degree.

Miss Lucile Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed of Sylva, has been chosen Senior Senator of Western Carolina Teachers College, it has been announced by Dean W. E. Bird.

The choice to this office is based on scholarship, leadership, personality, attitude, and various other important factors considered necessary in all-around students.

Jackson County Sends 11 Negroes To Army Camp

The local Selective Service Board sent eleven Negro men to the army induction center at Fort Bragg, last Friday, for examination and induction.

The men who went to Fort Bragg on that day were, Vester Arnold, Wiley Bryson, Ed Shepherd, Joe Lowery, Gibley Stovannal Worley, Sherman W. Wiston, Albert W. Wiston, Bryson, J. V. Durham, and William Norman.

Two Sylva boys, John and George McLain are members of the crew of the San Francisco, the great ship that led the fight in the greatest Naval battle of the present war, and a smashing defeat of the Japanese in the Solomons Islands area.

The San Francisco suffered slight damage, and some thirty men, including Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan lost their lives when a Japanese airship dived into her.

John and George McLain have been in the Navy for several years. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred N. McLain of Sylva.

The ship has been recommended for decoration for gallant service.

President Roosevelt, in a radio address, Tuesday night, referred to the San Francisco in glowing terms. He said:

"A powerful Japanese force was moving toward our positions in the Solomon Islands. The spear head of the force that we sent to intercept the enemy was under the command of Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan. He was aboard the leading ship, the San Francisco, cisco.

"The San Francisco sailed right into the enemy fleet—she silenced this battleship's big guns and so disabled her that she could be sunk by torpedoes from our destroyers and aircraft. She hit three enemy vessels, sinking one of them. At point-blank range, she engaged an enemy battleship—heavily her superior in size and fire-power. She silenced the enemy's big guns and so disabled her that she could be sunk by torpedoes from our destroyers and aircraft.

"The San Francisco herself was hit many times. Admiral Callaghan, my close personal friend, and many of his gallant officers and men gave their lives in this battle. But, the San Francisco was brought safely back to port by a lieutenant commander and she will fight again for our country.

"The commander of the task force of which the San Francisco was a part has recommended that she be the first of our navy's vessels to be decorated for outstanding service.

"But there are no citations, no medals, which carry with them such high honor as that accorded to fighting men by the respect of their comrades-in-arms.

"The commanding general of the marines on Guadalcanal, General Vandergrift, yesterday sent a message to the commander of the fleet, Admiral Halsey, saying, 'We lift our battered helmets in admiration for those who fought magnificently against overwhelming odds and drove the enemy back to crushing defeat.'

"Let us thank God for such men as these. May our nation continue to be worthy of them, throughout this war, and forever."

TWO HAMBURG MEN FROM SAME SHIP VISIT FOLKS AT HOME

Harold W. Monteith and Julius M. Breedlove, both of whom are members of the U. S. S. California, have been visiting their parents at Glenville.

Both of these young men were at Pearl Harbor on the 7th of last December, when the Japanese sneak attack started the war, and young Monteith was reported as missing in action.

Breedlove is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Breedlove of Glenville, and Monteith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Monteith.

Lease—Lend More than 552,000 pounds of foodstuffs and other farm commodities were delivered for shipment to the allied nations during September, 40 per cent larger than the previous month.